

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 5, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 5, 2009. Claims 1-17, 19-22 and 26-37 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, 28, and 29 have been amended to correct minor editorial issues. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The claims are subject to an election/restriction requirement. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-17, 20-22 and 26-33, drawn to a process for manufacturing an article.
- II. Claim 19, drawn to a bar of soap
- III. Claims 34-37, drawn to a system for manufacturing an article.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-17, 20-22, and 26-33, with traverse. Applicant submits that the process recited in claims 1-17, 20-22, and 26-33 substantially uses the system recited in claims 34-37 to substantially make the product recited in claim 19 and that the system recited in claims 34-37 substantially perform the process recited in claims 1-17, 20-22, and 26-33 to substantially produce the product recited in claim 19. Applicant further submits that a search based on the elected claims would also be effective with respect to the non-elected claims, and would therefore not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-17, 19-22, and 26-37 be examined.

Respectfully submitted,



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